

REMARKS

Reconsideration of the above-identified application is respectfully requested in view of the previous amendments and the following remarks.

Claims 1, 8 and 10 have been amended. Claims 7 and 15 have been canceled. Claims 1-6, 8-14 and 16-23 are now in the case.

Claim 7 was dependent on claim 1. Claim 7 was objected to, but indicated to be allowable if rewritten in independent form. Claim 7 has been canceled and claim 1 has been amended to incorporate the limitation of claim 7. Accordingly, allowance of claim 1, as well as claims 2-6 that depend from claim 1, is respectfully requested

Claim 15 was dependent on claim 8. Claim 15 was objected to, but indicated to be allowable if rewritten in independent form. Claim 15 has been canceled and claim 8 has been amended to incorporate the limitation of claim 15. Accordingly, allowance of claim 8, as well as claims 9-14 that depend from claim 8, is respectfully requested

Claims 16-23 have been allowed.

In view of the foregoing remarks, the application is believed to be in condition for allowance, and early notice to this effect is earnestly solicited. If allowance of this application may be expedited by resolution of simple issues through a telephone conference, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned.

If there are any additional charges in connection with this requested amendment, the Examiner is authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 50-3329 for the additional charges.

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Respectfully submitted,



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